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### National Park Acquires New Boat for Manu'a Islands Operations

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa—Today, the National Park of American Samoa added a new 30-foot catamaran to its fleet for the Manu'a Islands—the MV Moana. It will be put through safety tests in Tutuila before it travels to Manu'a, where it will increase the park's ability to support national park operations and research in Ofu, Olosega, and Ta'u.

Acting Superintendent Melia Lane-Kamahele said, "This boat provides our staff with an important tool to more effectively operate and fulfill our mission throughout the Manu'a Islands."

The boat was designed and custom built by Lee Shore Marine in Port Angeles, Washington. It is equipped with safety, communication, and research tools; a 500 pounds boom; plankton tow capacities; and a large dive platform with multiple scuba securing systems.

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*About the National Park of American Samoa. The national park was established in 1988 to preserve the coral reefs, tropical rainforest, archeological and cultural resources, the habitat of fruit bats, and to provide educational opportunities for visitors and residents. National park lands and waters are leased from villages and the American Samoa Government through a long-term agreement with the National Park Service.*

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